

# TOLL BRIDGE PROGRAM OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

CALTRANS BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

July 15, 2009, 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Mission Bay Office, Conference Room 1906, 325 Burma Road, Oakland

**Attendees:** TBPOC Members: Will Kempton, Steve Heminger, and Bimla Rhinehart  
PMT Members: Tony Anziano, Andrew Fremier, and Stephen Maller  
Participants: Bill Casey, Mike Forner, Michele DiFrancia, Keith Hoffman, Beatriz Lacson, Peter Lee, Brian Maroney, Bart Ney, Dina Noel, Mo Pazooki, Gary Pursell, Jim Richards, Bijan Sartipi, Pete Siegenthaler, Jon Tapping, Ken Terpstra, Deanna Vilchek, and Jason Weinstein  
Part-Time Participants, ABF: Pat Flaherty, Doug Fuller, Bob Luffy (via phone); and Mike Flowers  
Part-Time Participants, TYL/MN: Alvaro Piedrahita, Bob Nichol, Marwan Nader, Al Ely, and Scott Buckley

Convened: 10:29 AM

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1.	<b>CHAIR'S REPORT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Will Kempton, the Chair, reported that the Governor's Office anticipates that the Legislature will vote on the State budget next week.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>He noted the exemplary response from State employees amid increased workday and salary cuts.</li></ul></li><li>At the Chair's request, a recent KPIX, Channel 5 News coverage of the Labor Day weekend Bay Bridge closure was shown. He pointed out that there is national attention on how we do public outreach and this is an opportunity to showcase our efforts.</li><li>The Chair formally announced that this will be his last TBPOC meeting. He indicated that he has enjoyed working on this project and thanked everyone for the support he has</li></ul>	

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<p data-bbox="159 310 860 342"><b>2. TBPOC / ABF / TYLMN Discussion</b></p> <ul data-bbox="349 346 909 1892" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="349 346 909 451">• The Chair welcomed the ABF and TY Lin / Moffatt &amp; Nichol (TYL/MN) guests to the meeting.</li><li data-bbox="349 493 909 598">• Tony Anziano distributed the SAS Fabrication Status, dated July 10, 2009 chart for information.</li><li data-bbox="349 640 909 1753">• Tony Anziano enumerated the items currently being addressed, namely: the outstanding liability issue for both joint ventures (JV's), schedule delays (the first shipment now arriving in September), and the East End shop drawings. He reported that a proposed resolution to the liability issue has been forwarded to the joint ventures.<ul data-bbox="397 997 901 1753" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="397 997 901 1323">○ Alvaro Piedrahita (TYL/MN) stated that they are willing to continue working under the current contractual arrangement and will continue to cooperate regardless of liability issues. TYL/MN has offered draft language on liability to ABF for their review and consideration.</li><li data-bbox="397 1323 901 1501">○ Bob Luffy (ABF) indicated that they found the TYL/MN proposed language too broad to sign; however, both parties have agreed to continue cooperation.</li><li data-bbox="397 1501 901 1753">○ Mike Flowers (ABF) added that the Department needs to be involved since ABF had to indemnify the Department in the original contract. A resolution would require a three-party agreement.</li></ul></li><li data-bbox="349 1795 909 1892">• The reason for the latest delay in the first shipment was discussed: why defects were discovered so late in the</li></ul>	

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<p>process.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Mike Flowers reported that testing and investigations are going on to get to the root of the problem, with results expected in two weeks. Inspection has been increased from 25% to 100%.</li><li>○ ABF acknowledged responsibility for current QC issues. ABF indicated that the overall process is working, that everything is being done to pick up the pace.</li><li>○ ABF needs the shop drawings approved to build the bridge.</li></ul> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Chair noted that discussions with ABF and TYL/MN and offers of TBPOC financial assistance these past six months have not resulted in any improvement in the areas of concern.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ With reference to the shop drawing approval process, he emphasized the need to remedy the working relationship among all players in this project, and that a problem in any aspect of the work is everybody's problem.</li><li>○ He stated that the TBPOC is at a loss as to what else it can do to help the joint ventures improve the situation and get this operation moving to tackle schedule issues.</li><li>○ He challenged the team to take reasonable risks to advance the work faster and better</li></ul></li><li>• The Chair expressed to ABF and TYL/MN that they have an unhappy client.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The TBPOC has decided it will talk separately with each of the JV's, meet with Candraft in Vancouver, and travel to China to talk to Mr. Guan of ZPMC.</li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff to arrange a TBPOC Vancouver visit with Candraft and China visit with ZPMC's Mr. Guan late next month.</li></ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ The TBPOC is stepping in to break the impasse and overcome issues. It is considering any and all options to recover the schedule, as there is a need to fix the problems quickly.</li></ul>	
<p><b>3. CONSENT CALENDAR</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. June 4 , 2009 TBPOC Meeting Minutes</li><li>b. Yerba Buena Island Detour Contract Change Orders (CCO's)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dina Noel noted a revision to CCO 75, S1 from a not-to- exceed amount of \$1,100,000 to the actual amount of \$981,810. Revised copies of the CCO were distributed.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) CCO 75, S1 – for all outstanding costs associated with backfilling Bent W7L and W7R footings (deferred under the original change order).</li><li>2) CCO 91, S2 - \$5,494,737.30 for time-related overhead due to a 465 working-day time extension to the contract, which establishes a December 10, 2010 contract completion date.</li><li>3) CCO 112, S4 – \$1,500,000 additional funds needed to complete the steel procurement for the East Tie-In.</li><li>4) CCO 116, S2 - \$300,000 in additional funds for the transportation of the skid bent and beam from the fabrication site to the project site.</li><li>5) CCO 204 - \$3, 500,000 for Labor Day weekend bridge closure support costs.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC <b>APPROVED</b> all consent calendar items, as presented.</li></ul>
<p><b>4. PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Draft June 2009 Monthly Progress Report</li></ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Andy Fremier presented, for information, the final June 2009 Monthly Progress Report, which was approved by the PMT through delegated TBPOC authority, and requested TBPOC confirmation of this approval.</li><li>• The Chair praised Peter Lee and staff for the spectacular photographs in the report.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The TBPOC confirmed <b>APPROVAL</b> of the June 2009 Monthly Progress Report through delegated PMT approval.</li></ul>
<p>5. <b>PROGRAM ISSUES</b></p> <p>a. QA/QC Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Flowchart of Segment Green Tag Process was discussed, relative to the latest shipment delays. Vice Chair Steve Heminger inquired as to what point(s) on the flowchart did the last two incidents relating to the West End box girder and 1AA segment occur.</li><li>○ Pete Siegenthaler reported that it was under the flowchart box titled "METS performs required % QA NDT" when the latest defects were discovered. He also indicated that through the green tag process, the QA team was able to bring to ZPMC's attention to issues with the QC system.</li><li>○ The TBPOC was assured that adjustments in the QC/QA procedure are being made, as needed.</li><li>○ It was noted that additional Team China/METS QA resources may be necessary.</li></ul> <p>b. PMT Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In order to aid the process, the Chair indicated that the TBPOC and PMT should meet for 30 minutes on the day of, before the TBPOC meetings, to allow for broader ranging discussions.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Staff to arrange for the TBPOC and PMT to meet on the day of and prior to the regular TBPOC meetings.</li></ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vice Chair Steve Heminger noted that there has been agreement on some issues (e.g., circulation of “raw” information, greater involvement of PMT support staff at all project meetings) but still some minor issues with others (e.g., claims resolution process, flow and timeliness of communications).<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ It was suggested that discussions be continued to resolve open issues.</li><li>○ It is anticipated that the new meeting format will result in improved and more efficient operations.</li></ul></li></ul>	
<p><b>6. SAN FRANCISCO-OAKLAND BAY BRIDGE (SFOBB) UPDATES</b></p> <p>a. Yerba Buena Island Transition Structures (YBITS) No. 1 Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Anziano reported that the YBITS No. 1 contract is on track and moving very quickly.</li><li>○ There will be a tour this afternoon of the island work.</li></ul> <li>• On YBI Detour, Brian Maroney suggested that the TBPOC might be interested in receiving a detailed presentation from the YBI Detour contractors prior to the Labor Day weekend closure.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Chair stated that there is no indication that the Governor’s Office wants to be engaged with the BART labor negotiations. Should the bridge closure be threatened by a BART strike, the Governor does have Public Health and Safety power to avert one.</li></ul></li> <p>b. Oakland Touchdown (OTD) No. 1 Update</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Schedule YBI Detour contractors for a presentation to the TBPOC at the September meeting.</li><li>• The Department to approach the Governor’s Office about potential BART strike around Labor Day weekend, and confirm with the legal department about using Governor’s executive power to postpone strike.</li></ul>

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tony Anziano reported that the project is proceeding very well.</li><li>○ The sample light poles showing two different fabrication methods have been mounted for the TBPOC to inspect and make a decision.</li></ul>	
<p>7      <b>DUMBARTON/ANTIOCH BRIDGES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Update/Schedule/Environmental Permits<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Mo Pazooki gave an update on the status of the Dumbarton and Antioch bridge seismic retrofit projects.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ The Biological Opinions from pertinent agencies are expected on August 1; the combined Plans, Specifications and Estimates (PS&amp;E) delivery is set for August 3, the Project Approval Environmental Document (PAED) on August 15, and advertisement on December 14.</li><li>○ Brian Maroney reported that Antioch design has cleared the Toll Bridge Seismic Safety Peer Review Panel (TBSSRP) and Dumbarton had some items the panel wanted removed (column casings).</li><li>○ Required actions by regulatory agencies still pose some risk to schedule for these projects.</li></ul></li><li>• Vice Chair Steve Heminger reported that AB 1175, which provides for the addition of seismic safety improvement projects on the Dumbarton and Antioch Bridges to the TBSRP using contingency and authority to raise tolls, came out of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee yesterday.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ It is expected that the bill will move as anticipated.</li></ul></li></ul></li></ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ An early spring 2010 toll increase is planned.</li></ul>		
<b>8</b>	<b>BENICIA-MARTINEZ BRIDGE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. 1962 Benicia-Martinez Bridge Modification Update<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Peter Lee reported that the 1962 contract is anticipated to be completed in August 2009, four months ahead of schedule and within budget.</li><li>○ A press release and public event are being planned for the opening of the southbound I-780 lane and pedestrian/bicycle pathway on August 29, 2009.</li></ul></li><li>• The Chair pointed out that the Benicia-Martinez Bridge open road tolling has gotten more positive response than any of the other the Toll Bridge Seismic Retrofit Program projects.</li></ul>	
<b>9</b>	<b>OTHER BUSINESS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vice Chair Steve Heminger presented the Chair with a plaque in recognition of his commendable service to the Program.</li><li>• The Chair reiterated his thanks for the experience and support, and expressed his regret that he will not be around for the bridge completion but that he is looking forward to receiving an invitation to the opening event.</li></ul>	
<b>10</b>	<b>YERBA BUENA ISLAND TOUR</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Bill Casey conducted a tour of the YBI Detour jobsite. The group visited the West Tie-In (WTI), viaduct, East Tie-In (ETI) and YBITS work areas. Particular attention was paid to the ETI site where the</li></ul>	



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temporary skidding system, the ETI truss, and the strengthening and removal work for the YB4-truss were explained.	

Adjourned: 1:36 PM

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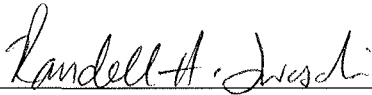
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